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• Commentary •

By M.J. Nurenberger

ZIONISTS

When a teacher asked a graduate of one of Israel's top universities why he intended to leave Israel, he cynically replied:

I observed some people at a meeting of the International Zionist Actions Committee held here a few weeks ago. They all were given the greatest honors by government and city officials. They were praised for what they were doing on behalf of Israel. They were **talking** about Aliyah, sending other Jews from other countries to Israel; in English they were discussing why we should speak Hebrew; they were accommodated at the plushiest hotels.

According to the Zionist leaders at that meeting, they and I are working for the same cause; we are securing the existence of Israel. We are all Jews belonging to one nation.

Now I have decided to go to North America where a professional hardly has any problem in finding a good position. I shall become a Zionist. And after a few years I'll return as a visitor, also be received with honors. For I promise I shall be very active in promoting emigration to Israel and Hebrew culture in America.

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This satirical introduction may sound scornful and insulting to some Zionist leaders. It is not meant to be.

It is my belief that, while two or three professionals in the Movement may belong to those whose business is Zionism, the vast majority who are in Toronto this weekend for the founding convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada actually believe they are going to "make history" here.

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What I should like to hear at this important conference — though I know that some of the organizers never will allow this topic to be discussed seriously — is whether this should be the founding convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada or the convention which should proclaim the following issues in deference to the present recession in Israel:

• The convention, considering that the communities in Canada are well organized in the area of fund raising for Israel and other needs and that duplication of such activities now has become a luxury, resolve to close all offices of Israeli political parties in Canada.

• Declare that the Jewish community is one of faith united through the synagogues, welfare funds and other non-partisan and non-political organizations that secure its survival and express its solidarity with Israel and Jews elsewhere.

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Such discussion, in my opinion, would have a tremendous impact upon the young generation in Israel. For only those who want to perpetuate the present anarchy in Jewish life refuse to understand that, when hundreds upon hundreds of graduates of Israeli universities and thousands of expert workers leave the country each year, the Jewish state is in danger of becoming a country of emigres instead of a land of immigration.

All talk about changing the present situation in Israel, arresting the drainage of the life's blood of the country, will be without any effect unless this demoralizing attitude of Zionist leadership without example of personal participation in the upbuilding of Israel ceases.

Some leaders, however, never will relinquish this curious hold upon the instruments of the community unless so ordered by these hundreds of well-meaning delegates at this and similar conventions.

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The outstanding leaders and philanthropists participating in the aid which the Diaspora must proffer the Jewish state for many years to come are not influenced in the least by resolutions and meetings of Israeli political parties in Canada. Nor are Jews here inspired to build Jewish schools by these political outfits.

Some of us nominally may be members of one or more political parties functioning here. But none of us considers seriously these groups; thus we may find ourselves "belonging" to political parties opposing each other.

However I feel the time has arrived to reappraise earnestly this abnormal situation.

No matter how one dislikes David Ben Gurion's ideas, no one can deny the absolute truth of the contention that there is no difference between Jews who do not "belong" to any Zionist group and those who do. A Zionist is a Jew who goes up to Zion.

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The Israeli youth who wants to go down to the galut after graduation in order to become a Zionist must be told that political Zionism ended May 14, 1948, when the aims of Zionism as a political movement were realized through the proclamation of the Jewish state.

He and hundreds of thousands of other young Israelis should know that Jews, all Jews in the Diaspora, are supporting them in this historic effort of making Israel again a country of opportunity for immigrants.

The key to this change which will spell the future of Israel — a country of emigration or immigration — lies in a sincere reexamination of our conscience vis-a-vis Israel and the Jews there. We have no right to play games with their future.

This commentary and an editorial on page 4 dealing with the Zionist Convention is a partisan view of the writer. It does not reflect the collective opinion of all the editors of The Canadian Jewish News nor its publishers.
The Canadian Jewish News will publish opinions of dissent on the topic.

1000 At Toronto Convention

CHALLENGED TO ACT FOR ZION, PEACE

Eshkol Scores

ARABS WELCOME ISRAELI PREMIER

Nazareth, Israel - "I intend to work for the education of both Jews and Arabs towards mutual understanding, trust and good fellowship. We must overcome psychological barriers, and Israel's unfriendly neighbors must accept it as an integral part of the Middle East landscape."

This was stated last week by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol during an after-dinner speech at the New Grand Hotel. The Premier was the guest of this overwhelmingly Arab town for over six hours. Except for a few brief shouts of "bread and work" by a group of young Communists, Eshkol received a friendly welcome from the small crowds who had gathered to see him pass and from the elders and notables at the official receptions.

During the half-hour review of local and national minority problems. Mr. Eshkol announced that the Government was coming to the aid of Nazareth with an allocation of one million pounds - "most of it a grant".

MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

Mr. Eshkol cited as further examples of the Government's bounty the widening of the entrance road to the town at a cost of 100,000 pounds and the employment of 300 workers on various municipal development projects.

The wide gap in the standards of living between Jews and Arabs, the heritage of previous regimes, is steadily narrowing, he noted. A social and economic survey of Nazareth which took two years to prepare shows that in 1965 the average income of an Arab family in the town was about $2,300 close to that of a Jewish urban family, $2,500 in the same year.

"We are approaching the day when we shall talk inclusively of one economy, not of separate sectors," he said. "Mechanization has advanced, the plough and manual labour have given way to tractors and combines, roads have been paved, homes and public institutions have been built. Water has been brought to the village. Clinics and health centres have been set up and educational facilities have grown five-fold. There are six times as many pupils as in 1948. Over 80 per cent of Arab mothers deliver their babies in maternity wards," the Prime Minister declared.

Mr. Eshkol promised that under the five-year plan for the development of basic services in Arab and Druse villages, means of farm and industrial production and vocational training would be expanded. He warned his audience not to take for granted the easing of the restrictions of military government and the opening of closed areas. "I hope these steps will prove justified," he said.

Mr. Eshkol and his large party were greeted on their arrival to town by Mayor Moussa Kteily and his deputy Mr. Abdul Aziz Zuabi, and by the head of the Alignment party in the town, Seif e-Din Zuabi. A troupe of Arab Boy Scouts provided a guard of honour. The guests drove first to the Peace Mosque for a service to mark the el-Adha festival.

HATIKVA AT CHURCH

The next stop was at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, where the guest was welcomed by Bishop Myarsidis Isidoros. The last place of worship the Prime Minister visited was the immense Basilica of the Annunciation of the Franciscans, where Bishops Hanna Kaldany and George Hakim, and Padre Pasquale Arbosa, the Superior of the Terra Sancta Monastery, greeted him. The Franciscans showed him around the church, now in the final stage of completion. In his honour, Brother Egidio played "Hatikva" on the powerful Italian organ installed two months ago.

During a Town Hall reception, Mayor Kteily, and even more outspoken, the leader of the New Communist opposition, Mr. Fouad Khoury, described the City's financial woes and pleaded for "help equal to that given other towns". Mr. Eshkol replied that the country had had "seven fat years", and that financial difficulties were common to all local authorities.

Mr. Eshkol did not believe there was any real hunger in the country. He praised the people of Nazareth and the Arab population in general for their thrift and said that he had often held them up as an example to the Jewish population. But he also pleaded for patience. "Much time will pass before we make the transition from employment based heavily on the building trade to employment based on production industry."

BRINGS ISRAEL'S MESSAGE TO ZIONISTS — Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who will be the main speaker at the Founding Convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada. — 1000 delegates will attend this rally which opens April 1st at the Royal York.

New Federation To Be Proclaimed This Week End

by The Canadian Jewish News reporter

The important statement made in Toronto last week by Canada's Secretary for External Affairs, the Hon. Paul Martin, may inspire this weekend's convention of Canadian Zionists to concentrate upon constructive and highly important tasks in the interests of Israel.

The Foreign Minister, as exclusively reported in The Canadian Jewish News last week, told Toronto's historic United Jewish Appeal — Ben Gurion Dinner that Canada may consider helping to promote a rapprochement between the Israelis and Arabs. This would be in the tradition of Canada's role as a peace pursuing nation.

Diplomatic sources told The Canadian Jewish News they agree that Mr. Martin's off-the-cuff's remarks at the Ben Gurion Dinner may have significance, as our Foreign Minister is one who weighs carefully each word uttered in public and for the record. Thus a united Zionist movement, we were told, which would abandon for a time internal politicking could become effective in informing public opinion in Canada about the real issues confronting the Middle East.

The convention of all Canadian Zionist groups and parties, known as the Founding Convention of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, will open this Saturday night, March 31st, at Toronto's Royal York Hotel. It will continue through April 4th.

Among the scheduled speakers are: U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse; Arieh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem; Prof. N. Rotenstreich, rector of Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Jon Kimche, well known English-Jewish journalist; Dr. Judah Shapiro of New York.

One thousand delegates from across Canada, representing all factions within Zionism, are expected.

Following are the Zionist groups and parties who will make up the new Federated Zionist Organization of Canada:

ZOC (Zionist Organization of Canada), non-partisan and leaning towards the General Zionists in Israel; Labor Zionist Movement, a counterpart of Israeli Labor Party, Mapai; Zionist Revisionist Organization, counterpart of Israel's Herut Party; Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, counterpart of Israel's National Religious Party; Ahdut Avoda-Poale Zion, counterpart of Israel's Ahdut Avoda Party; Friends of Pioneering Israel, counterpart of Israel's leftist Mapam Party; the non-partisan Hadassah-Wizo, the Zionist Women's Organization of Canada. Also taking part will be all women's groups affiliated with their respective organizations.

During this long weekend convention, all groups will hold their separate conclaves. The Zionist Organization of Canada will have a separate conference.

Mr. Sam Shainhouse, president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, told The Canadian Jewish News that seventy delegates, plus representatives of the youth organization, Betar, from across Canada will hold a policy-making conference under the chairmanship of Nathan Silver.

The Labor Zionist Movement expects a special session with hundreds of their delegates, as do the Religious Zionists.

This reporter learns that at this moment all groups have agreed on the individual, a Montrealer, who should be president of the new Federation. But there still are meetings going on concerning the apportioning of portfolios in the new executive. One candidate for leadership, supported by Torontonians, is John R. Devor, who may be drafted although Montreal insists that their man be the new president.

Other delegates, say that, because of the emergency-situation in Israel, the new Federation, if it is to impress the Canadian Jewish community, should dispense with trivialities and concentrate upon the most important tasks at this moment: mobilizing Zionists for immediate aid to the United Jewish Appeal because of the emergency in Israel; helping promote the import of Israeli products; dealing effectively with the Arab boycott vis-a-vis Canadian firms doing business with Israel; launching a public relations campaign to support the official Canadian view that peace should become the next move in the Middle East.

ZIONIST LEADER VIEWS FEDERATION
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an editorial

THE TRADITION OF TITHE

Now that the Big Days are over and Toronto's United Jewish Appeal has been launched in full swing, we are back at the point of departure. According to official announcements, $1,600,000 has been pledged for Toronto's United Jewish Appeal Drive, which means that another two-million must be raised during the next six weeks if we are to meet our obligations to the threefold purpose of this campaign: strengthening Israel's economy and helping her absorb the newcomers; assisting the needy overseas in Europe, Asia and Africa, last but not least, securing our survival here through intensive Jewish education.

Although the objective of approximately $3,600,000 may sound high, in our affluent society this goal is by far not enough of what we really could give this year if we mean what we preach.

Last week The Canadian Jewish News was asked by a reporter of a leading daily here whether we feel that the Jewish community drive does not resort to too much social pressure. The answer was: not enough.

We honestly believe in the duty of those in the North American affluent society, the society of plenty, to set aside one-tenth of their income for aid and comfort to the less fortunate here and abroad. We are deeply convinced that the old biblical injunction of tithe should be reintroduced into our community. We think such practice not only would help the needy but would serve as a sort of social security in making the world truly safe for freedom and democracy.

The ideal of the United Jewish Appeal, that we here in North America are responsible for those suffering elsewhere — and we don't apply this principle to the Jewish community only and to Israel exclusively — should become a universal principle. Perhaps the time has come for us to discuss with other communities the reapplication of the principle of tithe in our society.

The Mormons adhere to it, yet the commandment of Maser (tithe) was given the people at Mount Sinai. Therefore why can't we resume this practice?

Perhaps the rededication to the principle of Maser would solve many problems in today's turbulent world — especially in India, China, Africa. Let us start by setting an example.

Famous Hunter of Nazi Criminals in Toronto - Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, a key figure in the arrest of Adolf Eichmann, and responsible for the tracking down and arrest of Stangl, who arrives in Toronto today for a four-day visit. The third most wanted Nazi war criminal in the world, Wiesenthal bravely states he will reveal while here the names of at least six Nazis residing in the Toronto area.

Tomorrow night, Saturday, April 1st, he will share honors with James Walker, MP, at the first annual Anti-Racism Awards Dinner at the Royal York Hotel, sponsored by N3, fighters against racial hatred. Wisenthal will receive an International Award for his dedication and perserverance in the elimination of racial hatred on a worldwide scale. Mr. Walker will receive the Parliamentarian Award for his dedication and efforts in his attempt to rid the country of the Nazi menace.

Guests will include the Hon. Mitchell Shapr, Mitchael Starr, MP, Milton Klein, MP (Montreal Cartier), John Garrity.

A public rally will be held at Massey Hall on Sunday, 2:00 p.m., where speakers will be Simon Wiesenthal, James Walker, MP, Milton Klein, MP, and John Garrity. Saturday's and Sunday's events will be chaired by Rabbi David Monson.

ISRAELIS EAT LESS BEEF

Jerusalem, (JCNS) - Israelis ate less beef and made fewer telephone calls in 1966, because of the economic "squeeze", the Ministries of Agriculture and of Posts respectively announced.

The number of beef cattle slaughtered between April 1966, and January 1967, was 49,150 compared with 59,-020 during the same period the year before, a drop of 16.7 per cent.

Mr. Israel Yeshayahu, the Minister of Posts, told a press conference that there was a ten per cent drop in the number of telephone calls last year compared with 1965.

The Ministry was 10 million short of its estimated revenue as a result of the reduction in the prospective number of subscribers and the drop in telephone calls.

SEPARATE DRIVES IN BRITAIN?

London, (JCNS) - The British (and continental) General Zionists have now decided to conduct their separate fund-raising campaign unless the Jewish Agency reconsiders its decision to abolish, from 1969, all subventions to party funds.

The decision was taken at a meeting in London of the European executive of the Confederation of General Zionists, attended by representatives of Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, with Mr. Melech Topiol, of Paris, presiding.

It followed the announcements that both the Mizrachi and the Labour Zionists will be conducting their own campaigns, outside the Joint Palestine Appeal.

MAPAM OPPOSES RACISM

Jerusalem (Special CJN report) -- The refusal of Israel's Writers' Union to officially receive the famous West German anti-Nazi novelist Guenter Grass, was blasted by the daily "Al Hamishmar", organ of the leftist Mapam party.

Al Hamishmar taking the Israel Writers' Union to task for its refusal to extend a welcome to Guenter Grass, writes.

"This week, the author was received by the Nobel Prize recipient, S.Y. Agnon, who also protested against the Union's action.

The guest has presumably not taken offence, but we feel offended by this attitude, which is incomprehensible and unjustifiable . . . a step has been taken here which smells badly of racialism in reverse . . . the disqualification of a man, not because of his views, his past or his acts, but only because of his origin, simply because he was born a German --such an attitude must be unequivocally condemned."

SEE CARTOON AND INTERVIEW WITH GRASS (PAGE 4)

HASIDIC LEADER ARRIVES — Famous Bobover Rebbe, Harav Schlomo Halberstam, who comes to Toronto Saturday night as guest of the Orthodox Community.

LIVELY ARTS by D. Cohn

* Duesseldorf High Court has banned the sale of a long-playing record because it contains a Nazi song called, Luegenlord, which is defamatory of the late Sir Winston Churchill and therefore illegal.

The record which contains Nazi songs and marches was produced as a "documentary" by an American firm some years ago and was being distributed by the Duesseldorf company of Hocheder.

The question whether the record must be destroyed or sold without the offending song has to be decided by another court.

* Two issues of Yiddish poems are due to appear this year, according to New Books in the USSR, the Soviet bibliographic weekly. About 5,000 copies of each will be printed.

The first, Selected Poems, by Mendel Lifshitz who lives in Moscow, is to be published between April and June. The second, Selected Poems of Itzik Feffer, will appear between September and December in a publication of the Soviet Writers' Publishing House of Moscow, and will run to ten sheets.

Described by New Books in the USSR as an "outstanding and original poet", Feffer was executed with other Jewish writers on August 12, 1952.

He is known to Western Jewry mainly as one of the leaders of the Jewish anti-Fascist committee which visited the United States in 1943 with Solomon Mikhoels.

* The memory of Karel Polacek, Jewish author who died at Auschwitz in 1944, is being honored by the press, radio and TV in Czechoslovakia, marking the 75th anniversary of his birth.

Polacek presented Jewish characters in his works with deep understanding and he now is regarded as a master of the Czech humorous novel.

A theater group will present dramatizations of two of his novels, We Have Been Five, and, Men in the Offside.

* Four members of the Bernstein family collectively will be presented with the annual literary award of the Friends of the Rochester Public Library this week. They are: Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, who wrote What the Jews Believe, and who recently observed his fortieth anniversary as spiritual head of Temple B'rith Kodesh; his brother, Prof. Saul Bernstein, of Boston University's School of Social Work, who is author of several books; another brother, Irving Bernstein, professor of political science at the University of California and author of books in the field of labor management relations; and Rabbi Bernstein's son, Jeremy, an associate professor of physics at New York University and a frequent contributor to the New Yorker magazine, whose books include one on computers and another on mountain climbing.

Rabbi Bernstein has been chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Commission in Washington since 1954.

* Shmuel Yosef Agnon, Israeli winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, has accepted an invitation from the American Friends of the Hebrew University for a ten-day speaking tour of the United States.

* Queen Juliana privately attended a performance of Fiddler on the Roof, which has been playing in Amsterdam's largest theater since December.

* Tenor Jan Peerce maintains there is a great demand today for cultural events in the Jewish community. "I hold leadership responsible for the neglect of Yiddish . . . hospitality to the wayfarer is as important as praying, maybe even more so."

Peerce began his musical career as a choirboy in a synagogue on Manhattan's Lower East Side. For years he also was a cantor. And before he achieved distinction as a singer, he was a jazz violinist.

In his view, the leadership has forgotten that the synagogue is not only a place to pray but where Jewish life is centered. Very few Jews, he says, are acquainted with the wealth of literature and music that has been created by Jews for Jews.

Wherever he goes, he seeks the youth. In Rio, where he was invited to visit the congregation house, he asked to see the children rather than the grownups. "I spoke to them, with the Rosh Kehila (head of the community) as interpreter and I sang Jewish songs to them. It's the new element we're looking for.

"An unfortunate aspect, however," Peerce continues, "is the neglect of Yiddish. The emphasis these days on the teaching of Hebrew is counter-balanced by a loss of the beauty of Yiddish, a language that served our people for a thousand years with its rich idiom and wit. We should not let it become extinct."

In the immediate months ahead, Jan Peerce will entertain in Berlin, Vienna, Warsaw, Cracow, Israel, New Zealand.

Peerce says, "When someone approaches a stranger and asks, 'Where are you from, Reb Yid? Do you have a place to stay, a kosher place to eat?', I know I'm among wonderful people, my people."

Israeli Bank Seeks Loan

Washington (JCNS) - Formal negotiations opened in Washington for a loan of $15 million from the World Bank to the Industrial Bank of Israel, whose representatives are led by Dr. A. Neeman, a director of the Bank.

Israel has already received four loans from the World Bank totalling $100,000,000. The last one of over $21 million was negotiated in September, 1965.

Greek To Buy Bilu And Nili

Athens, (JCNS) - Mr. Nicos Vardinoyannis, the Piraeus shipowner, is reported to be negotiating with the Israeli Government to buy the two 10,000-ton car ferries, the Bilu and the Nili, for $11 million.

According to Greek mercantile marine sources, the Israelis consider both vessels "uneconomical" to run and would like to sell them. They belonged to the Somerfin company which went bankrupt last year.

Earlier reports, however, suggested that the Israeli Government would not sell the Bilu.

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(by a special correspondent)

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Maritime Fruit Carriers, founded by Yaacov Meridor and Captain Mila Brener, and including among its sponsors Ben C. Milner, prominent Montreal philanthropist and industrialist, is the owner of four fully refrigerated cargo vessels: Lemoncore; Bananacore; Mangocore; Advacadocore. It was ordered in 1963 from the world renowned Norwegian shipbuilders A/SAkers Mek Verksted and delivered between November 1964 and July 1965. These vessels are among the largest, fastest and most automated of their type on the high seas.

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Captain Mila Brener is the vice-chairman of the M.F.C. Board of Directors, is an internationally renowned marine and naval expert, one of the most outstanding in Israel. Capt. Brener has had twenty years of rich and active experience in the British Navy and Merchant Marine and is well known for his part in the transport of immigrants to Israel before the establishment of the state and his active role as commander of an Israeli warship during the War of Independence. Captain Brener was associated with Meridor in all the above mentioned maritime projects; today he is a Lt. Colonel in the Israel Reserves, and active in shipping affairs.

Other members of the M.F.C. Board include General Pierre Koenig and Perhysing-Dahl.

Pierre Koenig, formerly Minister of Defence Forces of France, is president of Pan-Maritime Ltd. S.A., the international financial holding company controlling the major part of M. F. C. shares. It is worthy to note that General Koenig is the legendary hero of the Western Desert Battle of Bir Hakim, who gave France the military victory during the second World War when General Koenig defied Rommel's Panzer division at Bir Hakim. General Koenig was awarded the highest U.J.A. award in 1965 for his part in saving European Jewry during World War 11.

Perhysing Dahl is a Norwegian shipowner representing Scandanavian shipping and financial interests on the Board. He was awarded the highest Norwegian award for his heroism in World War 11. He is the author of the book, Wings over Germany.

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He was commenting on a Reuter report from Hamburg quoting the Deutsche Atlantik line spokesman as saying his company has signed an agreement to buy the Shalom for $17 million.

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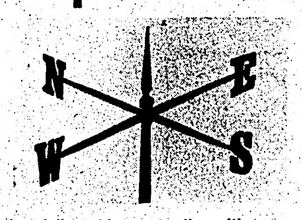

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The Federation

What Price Unity?

Toronto's Jewish community most assuredly welcomes the one thousand representatives and delegates of various Zionist groups and organizations from across Canada who are assembling here this weekend for the founding convention of the Confederated Zionist Organization.

Though many of us may have misgivings and doubts about the specific purpose of this new Zionist outfit, individually every delegate participating in the deliberations is devoted to the cause of Jewish survival. The questions, however, in connection with the establishment of the new Confederated Zionist Organization of Canada are many.

First, there is the issue of the very foundation of such a new "roof organization" embracing all Zionist parties active in this country. Some may wonder whether this organization is being formed sixty years too late. Is proclaiming it in 1967 apropos or should it not have been founded in 1907, ten years after the first Basle Congress? For it is strange, outmoded indeed, to discuss Jewish problems in our era in terms of Herzlian dialectics.

Zionism in 1897 was the dream of many Jews who considered themselves, and were considered by their neighbors in eastern and central Europe, a strange tribe whose true homeland was Palestine. It was the time of nationalist revival. Thus political Zionism came into being in order to organize this people living apart, as the Hebrew expression goes, forged into a nation so that it may become united for one purpose: to go up to the Land of Israel.

In this sense Zionism in Europe was a most successful revolution in Jewish history, it provided generations of oppressed people with a hope, ideal and solution.

In North America those immigrants steeped in this ideal founded the Zionist movement here.

In those days the Jews on this continent lived with the Jewish problems imported from abroad. They still had not perceived, in their great majority, the issues typically American.

From this point of view the flourishing of the Zionist Movement in all its factions was a blessing. For the first time in history, Jews in North America, as Jews all over the world free to organize, became part and parcel of this glorious movement which established the "Jewish people" on a universal basis for a political aim. Thus when the challenge arose to assist in reestablishing the Jewish state, North American Jewry performed its duty in all areas and helped make the transition from the Jew without a home to a Jewish homeland.

This was the grandeur of Zionism; it rallied and united Jews on all continents in this unique venture of nationally rebuilding a people after two thousand years of dispersion.

Yet there was and still is this fundamental difference between American and European Zionism. While, prior to World War II, the European Zionist was himself a potential emigrant to Eretz Israel, prevented from going there only by British legislation, the North American Jew, with very little exception, developed a different kind of Zionism, a philanthropic Zionism.

The Jewish state came into being; it proclaimed the right of every Jew to come there and live there as his birthright. Yet the Jewish community and the Zionists here essentially remained philanthropic Zionists — if and when they helped others to settle in Zion — or sentimental Zionists who sympathized with those overseas building a free Jewish commonwealth.

The essence of this North American version of Zionism was expressed in the famous Hadassah convention-statement rejecting the attitude that Jews in America are in exile and should be repatriated to their homeland. The Hadassah Zionists candidly stated that they considered the United States and Canada their home; the other Zionists were not so bold as to say so but, in actuality, they have remained, one hundred percent, dedicated citizens of these countries with profound attachment to the historic effort of Israel.

While Israel developed, to a greater degree, as a sovereign state, the Zionist Movement in all its groups remained an American movement. For today there certainly is no difference between love for Zion and devotion to the battle for its preservation between a Jacob Blaustein of the non-Zionist American Committee or the non-Zionist B'nai B'rith members and those of all Zionist parties.

These are the facts of life. While many Jews who belong to Zionist parties enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of Zionist meetings and Zionist gatherings, we still have to be convinced that all Zionist groups and parties have the same raison d'etre today that they had fifty and sixty years ago.

A new generation has risen. This North American born, second generation Jew is absolutely unatuned to the semantics of Zionist politicians. The young North American Jew does not understand why it is necessary to create a "roof organization" in order to bring together in one house various Zionist organizations and so-called political parties who cultivate here political differences which even the Israelis can ill afford.

In Israel great men such as Ben Gurion speak of a two-party system. Yet here in North America, through this "roof organization", we entrench the position of a many-party system characteristic of intra-Jewish feuding at a time when the Zionist organization was born.

Only last week in Israel's Parliament a leader of the Opposition and legendary commander of the Sinai Campaign, Gen. Moshe Dayan, remarked that most of the Israeli parties were subsidized and helped by Jews abroad; this, he said, was "interference" and should be stopped.

We don't know whether Ben Gurion and Dayan are right. Nor can those who tell us now that they are strengthening Zionist political parties in North America prove that they are right; that it is our Jewish duty to preserve a kind of Zionistic, political structure which absolutely has no relevance to our lives here nor is it in the interest of Israel.

We venture to say that even the majority of the delegates who participate in the convention this weekend do not understand exactly that they are representing Israeli political parties here. For since the establishment of the Jewish state, these groups definitely are representatives of political organizations and the first task of such a Zionist convention is to eliminate the party system.

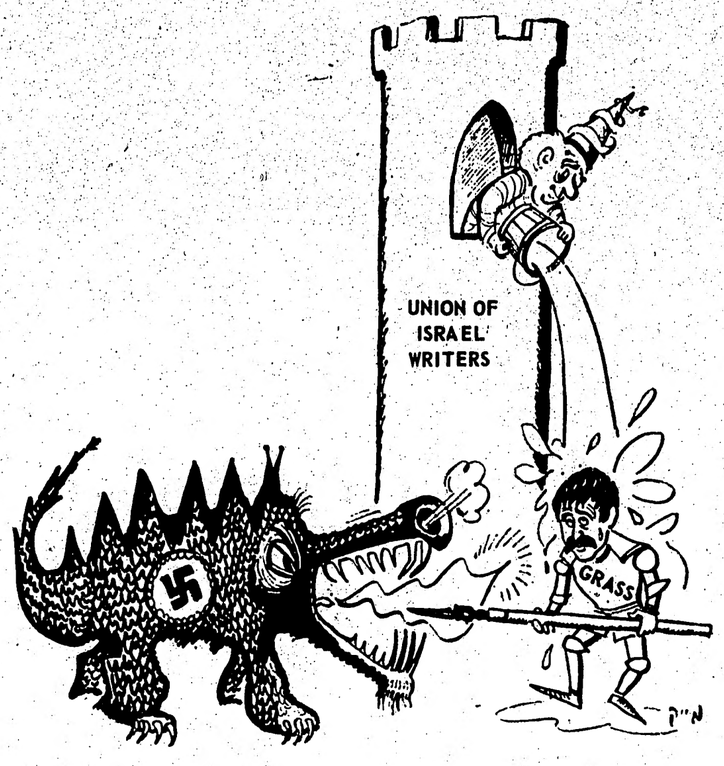
At recent Zionist conventions it has become fashionable to discuss one issue: the task of the Zionist Organization now.

Under normal circumstances an organization is created for the fulfillment of a purpose, not the opposite. When men and women ask — What now? What should the Zionist organization do? — they question the very right of this organization to exist as well as its privilege to be supported from public funds.

We hope the delegates rise to this historic challenge. They will ask themselves what we have stressed innumerable times: can Israel and the Jewish people today afford this social luxury, can there be both a Jewish state and a Zionist organization?

The Rabbis of Old have taught us that feuds and bickerng are the result of interpreting issues inaccurately.

The time for political play is over. The securing of Jewish existence here and the survival of Israel is serious business. It requires the unity of the Jewish people and it is very questionable whether this unity can be effectuated on the basis of political cliches formulated at pre-war Zionist congresses.



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Opinions

I AM A ZIONIST

by Ben C. Milner

Many discussions have preceded, and will follow, the establishment of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada. There are those who believe (and I belong among them) that the old Zionist Organization of Canada was the best instrument to serve this sacred cause in our country. Yet at this moment we face the reorganization of the Zionist Movement here and the establishment of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada.

In my opinion the Zionist Organization of Canada still has to be strengthened within this Federation. Because of its past and experience, it has a mission to fulfill.

There are, of course, many who completely discard Zionism and the role of a Zionist in the Diaspora. I think this is an unrealistic attitude. For the Zionist Movement has not completed its task with the establishment of the State of Israel.

Needless to state, every Jew is part of the land of Israel and supports it in many ways; he is a friend of Israel. However, a Zionist is more than that. His entire spiritual interest, his involvement, is with Israel, its present and future.

Israel needs Zionists in the Diaspora. Thus the founding convention of the new Federated Zionist Organization of Canada may become an historic milestone if we remember that this rally will not be judged by the works but by its concrete achievements. It must find answers to the most pressing questions and provide leadership that would inaugurate a new era in Canadian Zionism.

To Russia?

Jerusalem - Labour Minister Yigal Allon is contemplating heading the Israel delegation to the annual conference of the International Social Insurance Federation which is to take place in Leningrad in May, the Labour Ministry announced here. The Soviet Government will be host to the conference, although the various national delegations will be attending at the invitation of the international federation.

Since the National Insurance Institute comes under the purview of the Labour Ministry, Mr. Allon is considered Minister for National Insurance as well, according to the official Labour Ministry announcement.

Dr. Giora Lotan, Director-General of the National Insurance Institute, and Mr. Hillel Seidel, Head of the Histadrut's Pensions Department, are certain to be included in the Israel delegation.

If Mr. Allon does attend the conference, he would be the first Israel Cabinet Minister to visit the Soviet Union.

The Guenter Grass Controversy

THE END OF THE TOYDRUM ERA

by Moshe Kohn, Jerusalem Post Service

Oskar Matzerath, the protagonist of Guenter Grass "The Tin Drum," who refuses to continue growing up after he reaches the age of three, buys the tin drum with chich he speaks to the world from the Jewish toy dealer Markus. Then on the night of the Kristallnacht pogrom, Markus toy shop is wrecked and Markus is murdered. And Markus' death, according to the author "symbolizes the end of the era of toys for the world."

Grass said this at Beit Hillel in Jerusalem on Monday night, when he participated in a Vocal Newspaper organized by the student newspaper "Nitzotz," and answered the questions of three Hebrew University faculty members, Drs. Shlomo Aharonson, Alex An Assistant Editor of "Nitzotz," Tommy Degen, and members of the overflow audience in the Phillip Klutznick Hall. The above was in reply to a question by Dr. Aharonson of the Political Science Department.

Grass was then asked by Dr. Gelli, Fullbright Lecturer in Literature, to clarify a statement he one made in a speech, to the effect that "even the wallpaper has a better memory than man." He said that many crimes have been committed out of the feeling that nobody is watching, although some people live by the religious fiction that God sees all. He went on to say that much has been done to blunt Germany's sense of guilt for her crimes; the big powers quickly set about re-arming both Germanies; there was the German Federal Republic's economic miracle. But this has not really worked and the new generation is aware that it bears a moral mortgage bequeathed to it by its parents and is asking embarrassing questions. This new generation, Grass said, is a new witness which will not be silenced. Asked by Dr. Guttman, of the Political Science Department to clarify the meaning of the "moral mortgage" in light of Germany's tradition of radicalism of both the right and the left varieties, Grass said that Germany also has a social democratic tradition, stressing, however, that making a "new Germany" would be possible only with the help of social democracy and never by working against it. He conceded that Germany's 100-year tradition of social democracy had many failures, but said that it could be proud of some of these, such as the fact that in 1933 it was the only party to vote against the Enabling Law which paved the way for Hitler's take-over.

Mr. Degen asked whether the constant talk about the re-unification of the two Germanies might not lead to a revival of nationalist extremism among the youth. Grass did not think that anyone takes the re-unification slogan seriously today and that it is used only by people who are deluding themselves and by demagogues. It was unfortunate however, he said, that the haste of the great powers to re-arm both Germanies in the 1950s prevented the healthy development of cultural and economic relations between the Federal Republic and the Democratic Republic on a "confederative basis".

Germany never was and need not be "one nation," he said. It is a "federative" nation, both politically and culturally, and "becomes one Germany only when somebody wants to stuff nationalism down our throat." It is his hope that the world can be persuaded that a "confederative Germany" is desirable and will constitute no danger to its neighbours.

In reply to another question, Grass said he believed it was every German's duty to continue prodding the establishment and cause it "constructive unrest". Grass, an active Social Democrat, said he saw nothing terribly wrong with West Germany's "Grand Coalition" except for the fact that it was headed by an ex-Nazi and that Franz Josef Strauss, who had had to resign as Defence Minister over the "Spiegel" Affair, was back as Finance Minister.

Asked what he thought about anti-German feeling in Israel, Grass, centre of a debate over the Hebrew Writers' Association's refusal to hold an official reception for him, said that in the 10 days since his arrival he had been asked many critical questions -- mainly by youth -- which had caused him to rethink his position, but that he had not yet encountered any criticism based on hate, on "sheer emotional anti-Germanism".

One questioner wanted to know how it had been possible to turn "ordinary, everyday citizens into raving beasts". Grass replied by reviewing the history of Nazidom: there had been Hitler's advance declaration of his intentions in "Mein Kampf", which all had been able to read; then there was the "legislative preparation" -- the Nuremberg Laws -- about which everyone knew; and then there was the systematic implementation of the "final solution" -- the death camps -- about which "it is hard to say how many knew".

There had, he said, always been "spontaneously committed" crimes in the forms of pogroms and the like. But this was the first time, as the various trials had shown, that such a crime had been organized in such a manner, involving the new concept of "desk murderer" which "we Germans created", in which different people were given specific assignments in different parts of the murder bureaucracy, with no one person being involved in the total process and only a small number feeling direct responsibility for murder. He said that in Germany, too, he is asked the same question by young people, and there, too, he must hem and haw in his effort to answer. But, he said, we must find an explanation and answer - although the answer did not lie in such slogans as Pastor Niemoeller's concept of collective guilt.

Slogans, he continued, are not really helpful; they quickly become abstract and cease really to relate to the facts. But, he said, time is against us; from too much use of slogans and theoretical discussion we were becoming inured to the reality of things and the "final solution" is becoming nothing more than historicial material for abstract study. "We must continue to probe what happened in order to find an answer and not merely by way of studying history."

Asked what was being done to remove chauvinistic elements from Germany's school curricula, Grass restated his belief that federalism was Germany's best guarantee against exaggerated separatism (such as existed in the 18th century) on the one hand, and exaggerated nationalism on the other.

Concerning contacts between Israeli and German youth, he believed that these had value only if they would help to keep the past alive and only if they would stimulate a study of the past in order to find the answer and explanation he had earlier referred to. He believed that these contacts would be completely pointless if all they did was to lead to highsounding but hollow talk of harmony and brotherhood.

Unjust To Grass?

by our JCNS Correspondent
Tel Aviv.

Nelly Sachs, the Nobel Prize winner, Peter Weiss, Erich Fried and other writers are among the signatories of a cable sent to the Writers' Association of Israel, in protest against its refusal to hold a reception in honour of Herr Gunter Grass, the German anti-Nazi author, now visiting Israel.

The cable, which was sent from Stockholm by a group of Jewish poets and writers, speaks of "unjust treatment" of Herr Grass and calls for "renewed consideration" of the matter by the writers of Israel.

However, the Writers' Association of Israel seems determined to adhere to its decision, and members of its committee have said in private that writers living abroad, Jewish or non-Jewish, have no right to give it directives.

letters to the editor

Roots of Nazism

Dear Editor:

I read with great interest the article, Incomparable Crime, by James Parker (The Canadian Jewish News, March 17th).

I wish to quote the publishers' introduction of The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, by William L. Shirer:

"There for the first time is the complete story of Hitler's empire, one of the most important stories ever told, written by one of the men best equipped to write it. No other powerful empire ever bequeathed to historians such mountains of evidence about its rise and fall as the Third Reich. The Allied demand for unconditional surrender produced, when the bitter war was over and before the Nazis could destroy their files, an almost hour to hour record of the nightmare-empire built by Adolf Hitler. William L. Shirer, who had watched and reported on the Nazis since 1925, spent five-and-a-half years sifting this documentation. Out of it and out of his own on the spot reporting of Germany and Europe over nearly four decades, he has written the definite history of a great frightening chapter in the history of mankind."

In the sub-chapters, The Intellectual Book of the Third Reich (paperback edition, pp. 142-152), and, The Strange Life and Works of H. S. Chamberlain (pp. 152-164), Shirer proves very clearly that Count Arthur Joseph de Gobineau, Houston Stewart Chamberlain, Richard Wagner and Frederich Nietzsche were the worst culprits. They laid together, with several others who played a minor role, the foundations for Hitler and the Nazis. Their ideologies made it possible that this madman and his crazy followers were accepted as rulers of Germany and conquered a great part of Europe.

There are several prominent journalists, historians and philosophers who have made a thorough study of the greatest crimes in the history of mankind, committed by the Nazis. They differ on the roles of some minor figures and do not agree in all partitculars with Shirer. But many, if not most, agree that Gobineau, Chamberlain, Wagner and Nietzsche were the intellectual roots of Nazism.

Toronto — Dr. S. B. Ullman

Sermon of the week

OUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY

Amongst the issues that present themselves to modern educationalists is the question as to which is the more effective influence on a person's life: heredity or environment.

Does the transmission of characteristics from ancestors to descendants play such a part in moulding character that surroundings do not really matter? This question is not new for it was already debated in the academies of the rabbis some two thousand years ago, and they came to the conclusion: "Environment can do what heredity cannot do".

They rejected the pessimistic idea that we are what our ancestors have made us. If we are slaves to conditions our ancestors have created for us, then free-will is a mere illusion, and there is no place for individual responsibility in Jewish teaching.

The prophet Ezekiel stressed that man is responsible for his own acts. He cannot attribute his triumphs nor his failures to his ancestors' doings. Man must account for his own deeds. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die". Ezekiel disabused the minds of his contemporaries, who had been arguing that heredity is the potent factor in fashioning the character of man.

Since the prophet had discounted the exaggerated effects of heredity, he began in a later chapter to dilate upon the problem of environment. For him there were two facets of this problem: the problem of environment for a people living in its own land; and the problem of environment of a people living in exile.

Ezekiel looked back on the era when Israel lived on their own soil. The problem of environment was then comparatively easy. They had their own government, their own language, their own customs and their own community within their own compact territory. They were the arbiters of their own environment and yet "they had defiled it by their own way and by their own doings".

However, Ezekiel was essentially the prophet of the exile, for his mission in Babylon was amongst his people to comfort, to warn, to teach and to inspire. He heard himself being called "son of man", because in exile in Babylon he was not only a son of Israel but also a member of a much wider community. The problem of the Jew in exile as a minority was a much more pressing problem of environment than that which existed when they inhabited their own land.

In exile it was not only wrong to do something which was intrinsically and morally wrong, but the repercussions of that wrong in exile led to the desecration of God's name. Do these people really call themselves the people of the Lord? the gentiles asked. Ezekiel reminded his hearers of the virtue of the sanctification, and the curse of the desecration, of the Divine name.

Modern Jewry needs the lesson of Ezekiel. We are not bound by the shackles of heredity which would fetter our potentialities and prevent us from being creative. We alone can decide the quality of our environment within our Jewish community. In the diaspora we have also the problem of our reaction to the environment of the world around us.

We have to be exclusive and yet tolerant at the same time. We must remain loyal to our own great teachings, while also receptive to the ideals which the world around us can teach us. For we are not only "children of Israel" but also "sons of man".

toronto, the living community

Adath Israel shows example - The leadership of the U.J.A. Committee of the Adath Israel Synagogue is seen examining this year's campaign poster. From left to right are: Irwin Frohman, Chairman of the Committee; Sidney Starkman, President of the Congregation; Abraham J. Stoller, Vice Chairman of the Committee; Colonel Meir Batz, guest speaker; and S. Terry Warren, Past President of the Congregation.

Rabbi Erwin Schild participated in the program and inspired the more than 50 canvassers who attended a Breakfast Meeting two weeks ago.

Beth Tzedec Leadership meets - The above photograph shows some of the leaders of the U.J.A. Committee of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation when almost 100 men gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Friedman to listen to reports of the Mission to Israel, delivered by Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg and Jack Friedman.

In response to the appeal everyone increased the previous pledge and undertook to cooperate with the U.J.A. campaign by canvassing the entire membership of the congregation.

REMEMBER BELSEN

The Bergen Belsen Association of Toronto, composed of survivors of the infamous Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp, will observe its annual Liberation Day on Sunday afternoon, April 16th, 2:00 p.m., at the Borochov Center.

Joseph Rosensaft of New York City, president of the World Federation of Bergen Belson, will be guest speaker.

Discussion will center upon conditions met after freedom was attained, as well as upon future problems. Those whose lives unfortunately were extinguished will be commemorated.

Ex-concentration camp inmates are expected to attend this Liberation Day event not only from the many branches of Bergen Belsen throughout Canada but from various other concentration camps of Hitler-Europe.

Since liberation after World War II, survivors of Bergen Belsen have met annually this time of year in observance of the period they were freed, during April 15th and May 8th.

JDC VICE CHAIRMAN IN TORONTO - Charles H. Jordan, International JDC Executive Vice Chairman, visited Toronto on Thursday, March 30th. He was the guest at the Rebbe's Tisch, held weekly at the UJWF building, 150 Beverley Street between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Admit Desecrating Cemetery

Duesseldorf (JCNS) - Four boys have admitted climbing the wall into the old Jewish cemetery in Neuenkirchen village in the Detmold area of North Rhine-Westphalia and overturning about 50 gravestones last month, according to the local authorities.

B.B. SPONSORS NEW ONTARIO REGION BIBLE CONTEST

Two Toronto chapters of B'nai Brith, Upper Canada Lodge, and Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge No. 1800, again are sponsoring the Ontario Regional Bible Contest, currently in it's eighth year.

The contest originally was initiated by the Education and Culture Department of the Jewish Agency and the world Jewish Bible Society. It aims to promote a greater interest in the Bible among students of Jewish schools in the United States and Canada, and to strengthen the place of Bible study in the curricula of Jewish schools. The contest is another expression of the eternal bond between the "People of the Book" and the "Book of Books".

One of the ardent protagonists of this program is David Ben Gurion, first Prime Minister of Israel. In his recent address to an overflow assembly of 4,000 pupils of Toronto Jewish schools at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, he urged them, among other things, to become better Jews by acquiring a knowledge of the Bible and, if possible, to learn to read the Bible in the original Hebrew language in which it was written.

The annual Bible Contest contains three distinct Divisions: Advanced Hebrew, for students enrolled in Hebrew Day schools; Intermediate Hebrew, for students enrolled in afternoon Hebrew classes; Comprehensive English, for students who study the Bible in English.

The Ontario Regional Contest, administered by the Toronto Bureau of Jewish Education, will take place this year on Sunday, April 9th. Most of the participants are from Jewish schools in the Toronto area, with occasional participation by one of the communities in the Province. Out-of-town communities which have participated in the regional finals in the past have been St. Catharines and North Bay.

The eighth annual Bible Competition is based on one or more of the books of Leviticus, Kings I and Nehemia, depending on the Division. Top winners of the Regional Finals will be sent to New York on May 21st to compete against the best contestants representing 36 other cities in the United States and Canada. Among the Board of Sponsors of the National Bible Contest are some world noted scholars including Prof. W. Albright, Prof. H.L. Ginsberg, Prof. H. Orlinsky and Dr. H. Gevaryahu.

The Upper Canada and Leonard Mayzel Lodges of B'nai Brith have "adopted" the Ontario Regional Bible Competition. They provide a fund to make possible the distribution of awards to local contest winners and to help cover travel costs of competitors who represent the Toronto area in the National Finals in New York City. Officers of the two Lodges are: Upper Canada, Max Aiken and Sidney Roth, past presidents; Samuel Pinzer, president; Samuel Handler, first vice president. Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge No. 1800 - Stanley Beder and Norman Horenfeldt, past presidents; Mervyn Cohen, president; Ralph Keyes, first vice president.

Alexander Brown, Associate Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, is chairman of the Ontario Regional Bible Contest.

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NOMINATING MEET

Adath Israel Brotherhood will hold a nominating meeting at the next breakfast on Sunday morning, April 9th. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Erwin Schild. Topic: Has the Brotherhood Outlived its Purpose?

BRUNCH MEET

At a brunch meeting on Sunday, April 9th, Beth Am Men's Club will present Mordecai Kessler, executive director, Institute for Judaism, sponsor of Judaism Exhibit at Expo.

BREAKFAST

On Sunday, April 2nd, 9:30 a.m., Beth Torah Brotherhood will have a breakfast meeting. David E. Newman, Q.C., will be guest speaker.

EXECUTIVE

The following members were elected to the executive of Agudath Israel at a recently held meeting: Gaboim -- E. Freind, B. Kipper, C. Rand; board members -- Prof. E. Birnbaum, chairman, W. Menzelefsky, M. Stern, C. Sussman; co-treasurers -- M. Perlman, S. Yunger.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Eleazar Birnbaum, Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, will be guest speaker at the Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting of Shaarei Shomayim. He will speak on: The Different World of the Oriental Jew.

SIUM ON MISHNA

Tomorrow Shomrai Shaboth Congregation will present a sium on completion of the study of the second section of the Mishna Moed, dedicated to the memory of the Jewish community of Zlotchov, one of the famous pre-war Jewish communities in Poland.

Sholoth Seudoth will be given by Mrs. E. Marder and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marder, Gabai. Rabbi G. Felder, spiritual leader, will give the traditional Hadran and speak about the occasion. Cantor M. Solomon will sing zmiroth.

LECTURE

Dr. Yehudi Shields will speak on: A Drug for All Seasons. The lecture takes place Sunday, April 2nd, 8:30 p.m., at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Sponsors are the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists and the Adult Education Committee of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

Refreshments will be served.

Leading Toronto's Sephardic community - David Benatar, U.J.A. Chairman of Petah Tikva Anshei Castilla Synagogue, recently conducted a breakfast meeting on behalf of U.J.A. Dr. Martin Wolfish, guest speaker, discussed his recent visit to Morocco. In addition to Mr. Benatar and Dr. Wolfish, the program included an appeal by Mr. Moses Benmergui, President of the Congregation.

More than 100 members attended the meeting.

HUNGARIAN NEWCOMERS HELP - Armin Weiss, Chairman of Toronto's U.J.A. Committee of the Association of Hungarian Jews, is responsible for a successful Telethon held recently at the campaign offices. A Committee is now working on individual canvassing to bring the 1967 pledges above the quota of previous years. A gathering of the top leadership of the Hungarian Association is scheduled for mid-April when Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg will discuss his observations in Hungary during his recent visit there.

montreal notes

NEW VILLAGE

Moses I. Socachevsky, president of the Jewish Nazi Victims of America Inc., Montreal, announced a housing scheme in Israel for reuniting three-hundred Jewish families separated in the confusion following World War II. The Celtic name, Donovan Village, will be in honor of the corporation's chief counsel, James B. Donovan of New York, who was a prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

As Socachevsky explained, the Israeli government had contributed 200 dunams of land (a little less than 200 acres) five miles outside Tel Aviv for the purpose of reuniting Jews in North America with relatives from whom they became separated during the British naval blockade of Palestine in the late '40's.

The Bonn government would build the two apartment houses initiating the Donovan Village project.

CONFAB

A conference on The Challenge of Woman, sponsored by the Jewish Junior Welfare League, was held last week. Mrs. Daniel S. Miller was chairman.

DONOR LUNCHEON

Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El held its donor luncheon last week. An Instant Theater performance was featured. Conveners were Mesdames Isidore H. Morrell, Alfred N. Miller and Percy Abelson.

DINNER DANCE

Pioneer Women's Organization held its fifth annual spring dinner dance last Saturday night, with proceeds for State of Israel Bonds. Mrs. B. Ettenberg was convener: Mrs. J. Bonder, Israel Bond chairman.

BALL

A ball, celebrating Israel Independence Day, will be held on April 8th, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund Fellowship. Committee members include Mesdames Andre Anzarut and Raphael Flemming.

VISITOR

Dr. Solomon Gaon, chief rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth and recently elected president of the Union of Sephardic Congregations of America, visited Montreal last weekend to meet with the city's representatives of the Sephardic Jewish community and participate in services at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Cong. Shearith Israel. Dr. Gaon delivered the guest sermon on Saturday morning and participated in the Purim festive service Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

He was accompanied to Montreal by Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky of this city, director of the Sephardic Community Activities Program and rabbinic placement at Yeshiva University.

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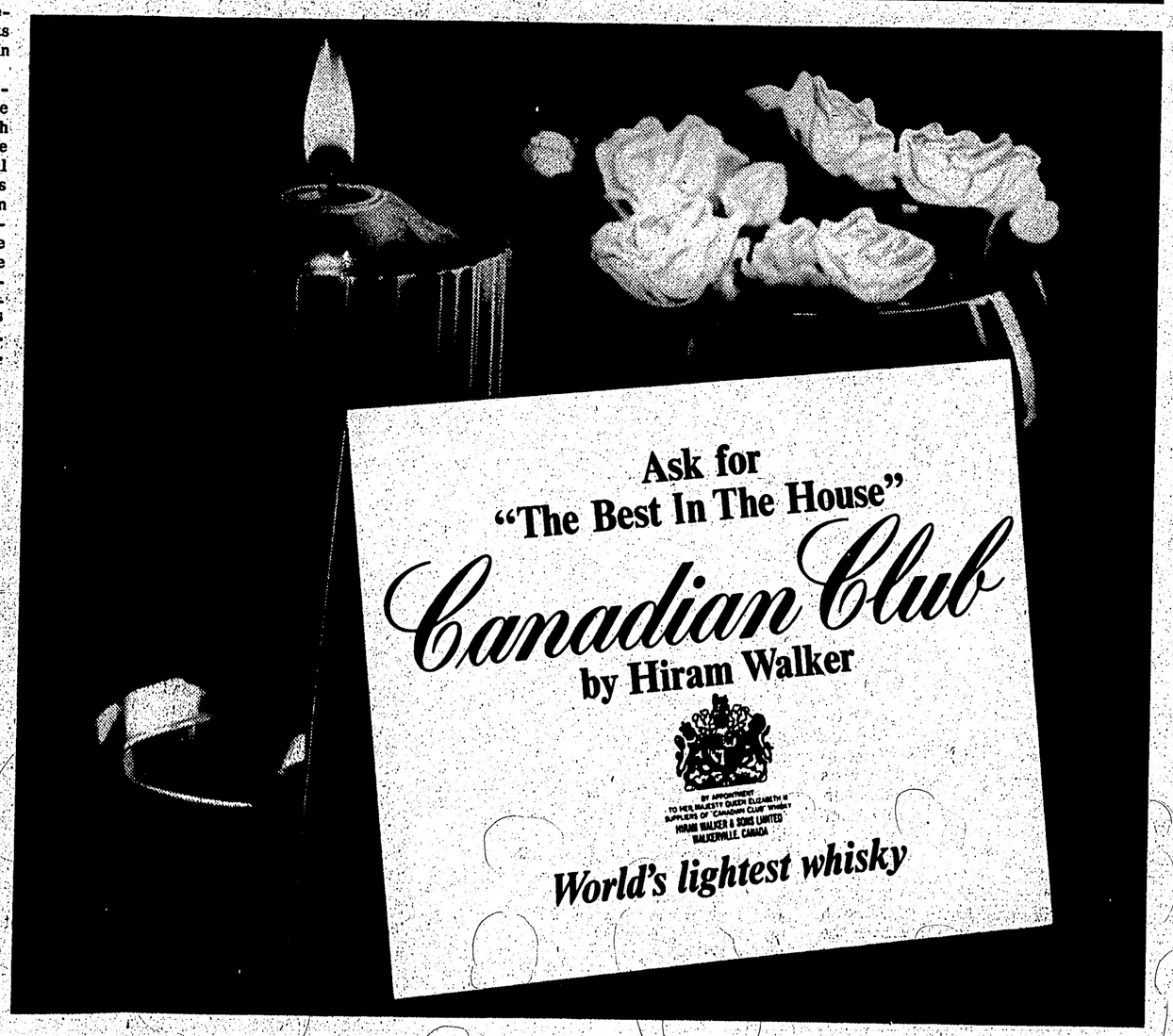
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GOOD TIME CHARLIE – (l. to r.) Catharine McKinnon as Peg, Dean Regan as Charles II, Dinah Christie as Nell, and Don Harron as the Steward in the Robert Johnston Productions, side-splitting presentation of Spring Thaw 67, now being seen at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater.

Art Galleries

CUBIST AND IMPRESSIONIST

Though Matus had spent his childhood in Israel, it was the French schools which were an influence on his works of art since the time he had begun his studies in Paris in 1933. The experience he gleaned there left its mark in the deep veneration he felt for the Holy Land, especially Jerusalem with its quaint old balconies, constricted lanes, cobbled streets and erratic rooftops.

From 1942 on, since the time Matus held his first one-man show in the Museum of Tel Aviv, his paintings were on exhibition at New York's Jewish Museum, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Notre Dame University among others; his works are among the finest private collections the world over.

Matus died in Toronto in 1959 at the age of 48. His paintings, as well as those of other renowned Israeli artists such as Avniel, Mane-Katz, Rubin, Kahana, Blum and others, now are on display at Toronto's Sobot Galleries.

Orange Pickers, by the noted Israeli artist Moshe Matus.

toronto after dark

WORLD PREMIERE

The National Ballet of Canada is having its world premiere at O'Keefe Center, featuring Swan Lake all this week under the fantastically capable hands of world renowned dancer Erik Bruhn.

When the company decided to mount the lavish ballet, it was found that additional financing would be required to put the spectacular $150,000 production before the public. A generous special grant from the Canada Council was not enough to cover all costs, so the Ballet's executives turned to Canadian industry and asked business to underwrite the production as a Centennial project. This idea caught the imagination of various businesses such as an electronics company, a department store, a mining company, a cigarette manufacturer, a business machine company and others. What makes the venture unique is that this is the first time a group of major businesses have joined in making a production of this stature possible.

LONER

This is the first year that Spring Thaw, now at the Royal Alexandra, has been written by one writer, Don Harron, with original words and music composed by the same team of Marian Grudeff and Ray Jessel.

This twentieth edition has a very funny script that pokes fun at Canadian history from the ice age up to July 1, 1867, Confederation. Scenes, for example, depicting Barbara Hamilton as Queen Victoria, and her problem of distinguishing between Disraeli and Sir John A., played by Peter Mews, are hilarious.

A ballet, basketball style, portrays the battle of the Plains of Abraham.

Alan Lund has come up with some fascinating new ideas on company dancing and comedy in the staging.

CONTINENTAL AFFAIR

Los Trovadores De Espana bring a continental atmosphere to the Hook and Ladder Club of the Beverly Hills Motor Hotel.

This is the first time the group appears before a Toronto audience. It includes nine men and two girls and their repertoire has everything: Flamenco, native and modern song and dance routines, Spanish guitar arrangements, Mariachi trumpets, and more.

PREMIERE

Aries Productions' A Cap Full of Pennies has made a successful start at the Central Library Theater. The play stars Sean Mulcahy and deals with a period in the life of actor Edmond Kean, the times in which he lived and the woman who shaped his destiny.

LONG RUN

It seems as though the stage play, Entertaining Mr. Sloane, may settle down at the Colonnade Theater. Roy Wordsworth, producer, has had two phones going steadily in order to handle advance bookings. The play will run through Sunday, April 2nd.

NEW CAST

Belmont Production's presentation of Anton Chekhov's Uncle Vanya has begun its run at the Hydro Theater. However, the drama which is under the able direction of Vernon Chapman, does not include in its cast the mainstay of Belmont, Sylvia and Ben Lennick.

The Lennicks will be in Edmonton starring in Murray Schisgal's Luv, which opens there on April 6th. Advance bookings there have followed on the heels of last year's successful tour.

FILM SERIES

This Sunday's film series at Burton Auditorium, York University, includes Leni Riefenstahl's Triumph of the Will, film glorifying Hitler, as well as Memorandum, the National Film Board's prize-winning documentary from another point of view.

FIRST OF KIND

A "Start Your Own Business Show", the first of its kind, will display exhibits this weekend at Union Station. All types of business possibilities will be shown.

KEEP SMILING

INTELLIGENTSIA

Mae Kaminsky moved to the plushiest section in town and immediately was invited to join the mahj group. Though she enjoyed the game, she complained to her husband how miserable she was.

"So what's the matter now? Aren't your new friends nice?"

"Oh, they're very nice. But I never was so humiliated in all my life. When we sat down to coffee, all the girls were talking about their trips to Europe, to Israel, even around the world. They must have thought I'm a dope because I had nothing to say. Where did you ever take me? To Coney Island!"

"Alright, so tell them you've already been around the world and that's why you have no place to go now."

"Oh, come on, Al. Stop with the jokes. I'm serious."

"So, okay, Mae. Here's a solution. I'll bring home some travel folders and you can look them over. Then you can make believe you also travelled."

As the girls sipped coffee during the next week's mahj game, one of them discussed her recent trip to Europe.

Interrupted Mae, "My husband and I went to Europe last summer too. We had a marvelous time! We even were invited to the palace at Monaco for cocktails with Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly!"

One of the girls gushed, "My, how exciting! What were they like?"

"Well, he's a regular Prince Charming, just like in the fairy tales. And her. . . . don't ask! She's a living doll!"

Another girl asked, "Did you go to Rome too?"

"Of course!" said Mae without batting an eyelash. "What's more, we had a private audience with the Pope!"

"A private audience? That's terrific! Tell me, what's the new Pope like?"

"Oh," exclaimed Mae, "he's just wonderful. But his wife I could live without!"

IN RUSSIAN CLASSIC – Nicholas Simons, who plays the part of Uncle Vanya in Anton Checkhov's drama of the same title. The play is being performed at Toronto's Hydro Theater.

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FINAL SOLUTION: WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

BY MARTIN THEAMAN

In Israel the typically Dutch Van Leer family has been known for many years for its contribution to the intellectual progress of the Jewish nation. Very soon an important cultural center in Jerusalem will be opened as a result of the efforts of this remarkable clan of businessmen whose entire lives are dedicated to the purest human ideals expressed in Judaism--those of the spirit.

REMBRANDT SQUARE IN AMSTERDAM – Close to the old Jewish quarter destroyed by the Nazis. These surroundings inspired Van Leer's "Final Solution".

Wim Van Leer, a 54-year-old native Amsterdamer and Israeli citizen, also a businessman, may make the family name famous as a playwright. His Final Solution, a sort of documentary drama, will be presented for the first time on the North American continent in Toronto. It will be shown to us by the Odyssey Productions, a group of dedicated intellectuals devoted to the proposition that even in our affluent society man does not live without genuine culture.

This group includes: Harry Pollock, press representative; David Leslie, director; Ed Cumming, lighting; Nigel Walsh, set designs; Trevor Parsonage, business manager.

What is the Final Solution and why did Wim Van Leer write it?

The term is the most tragic, the most monstrous concept rendered in human language in all history of mankind. Enloesung--as it was called in the original German formulation when this unheard of "final solution" to the Jewish problem in Europe was voted at the infamous Wansee conference--will be a topic discussed by historians, philosophers and written about till the end of time. The one German word spelled the doom of six million. It was Eichmann who was appointed to carry out the task. And as we all know, the Nazis almost succeeded in achieving the final solution.

It is natural for one of the Van Leer family to be overtaken by this problem. Amsterdam is one of the cities whose Jewish community was almost completely wiped out in the process of the realization of this Eichmann mission -- a city once known as the Jerusalem of western Europe, the city best remembered in the history of civilization as the birthplace of Spinoza, a city where Jews and Gentiles lived in peace and harmony for centuries until the nightmare of this Wagnerian Niebelungen when the German occupancy all but finished off the glorious chapter of Dutch Jewry.

Wim Van Leer must have had many relatives captured during the deportations for extermination. In his middle years, he must remember many of them from his childhood in Holland. Yet he went to Israel, fought in the Israeli Army as a volunteer and made the endeavor to readjust life and living after this dark night.

According to those who have seen the Final Solution in London where the famous Observer praised it as "lucid. . .and effective", there is little gall in this play but much warmth combined with optimism and faith that humanity will prevail for mankind must heal its wounds.

Torontonians, Jew and non-Jew, will be impressed by this presentation (at the Poor Alex, April 3rd to 23rd) of a tragedy which is Jewish in form but deep down the problem of all humanity. This is how Van Leer sees it, with compassion and without passion.

Who knows but that Wim Van Leer's Final Solution may move us as did this wonderful Amsterdam girl, Anna Frank.

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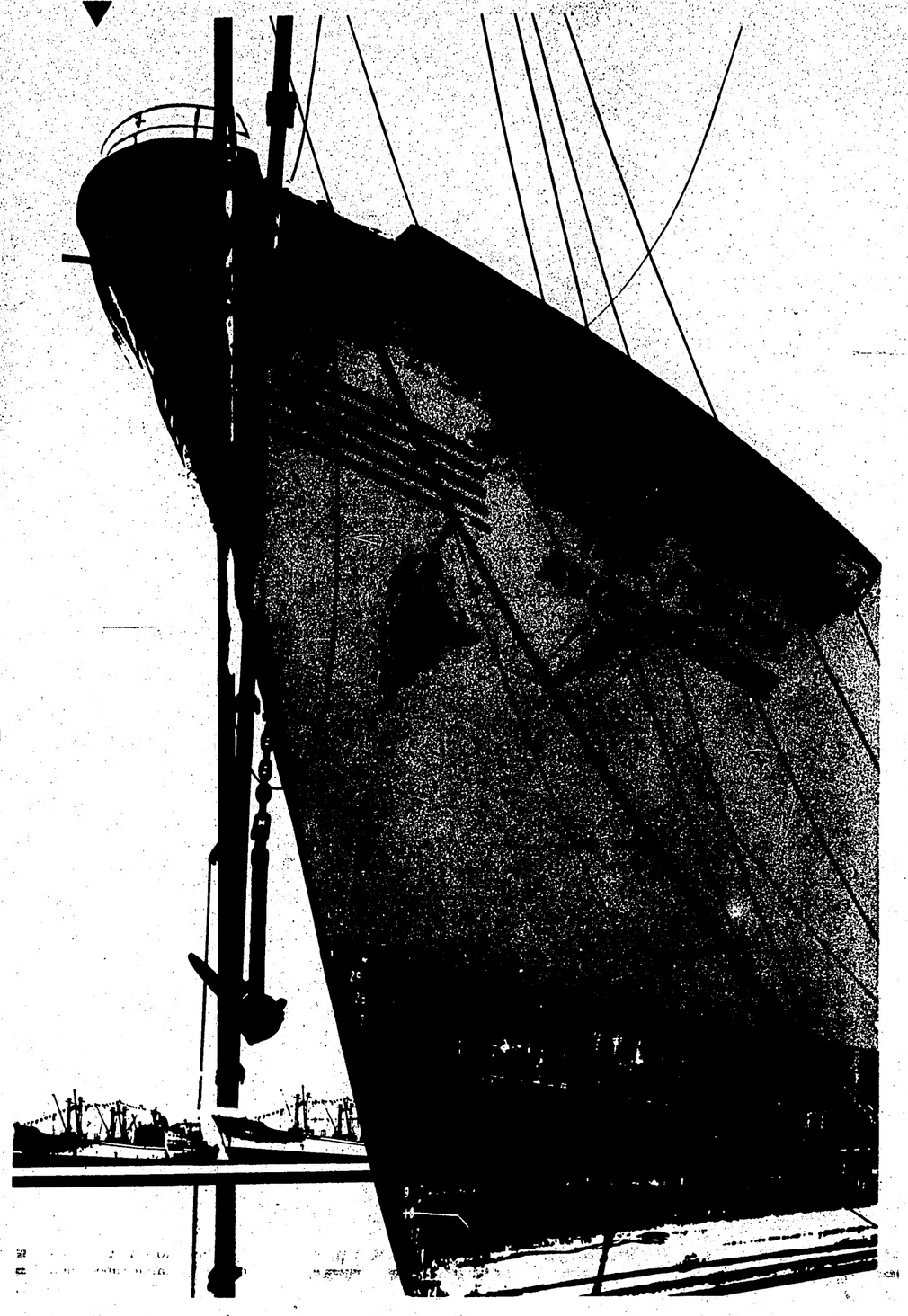

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Svetlana's Jewish Marriage Enranged Stalin

London (JCNS) - The departure from Russia to the West of Svetlana, Stalin's daughter, has re-emphasized how Stalin's animosity towards the Jews was carried over into his private life and that of his family and the paradox that there were at least two Jews in her life.

When Svetlana was 17, in 1942, she married a Jewish fellow-student called Grigori Moroz (Morozov), and this was considered to be the happiest of her several marriages. Her 22-year-old son Yosif, is a child of Svetlana's marriage to Moroz.

In 1948, however, Stalin banished his Jewish son-in-law, together with all his family, to a Siberian labor camp, and Svetlana was forced to divorce him.

After this, the Soviet dictator ordered his daughter to marry Yuri Andreevich Zhdanov, a biology professor from Rostov, and the son of Andrei Zhdanov, a Soviet leader then considered Stalin's heir apparent. They had a daughter, Katerina.

Almost immediately after Stalin died in 1953, Svetlana and Zhdanov were divorced, and Svetlana married her second Jewish husband, Alexei Kapler, a film director who had been arrested on Stalin's orders and sent to a labor camp, from which he was released after Stalin died.

A third Jew was also said to be involved in Svetlana's life - Mikhail Kaganovich, then a major-general in the Red Army, and the son of Lazar Kaganovich, a member of the Soviet Government for many years. Persistent reports from Eastern Europe said that the two had been married at one time, though this makes the chronology of Svetlana's story somewhat confusing.

However, it is clear that what later became Stalin's pathological hatred of Jews was not shared by his daughter, and that he permitted it to shatter her happiness, even though he appeared to be fond of her.

CHARGED WITH BABI CRIME

Duesseldorf (JCNS) - Ten former members of a special wartime S.S. unit operating in the Ukraine have been charged in Darmstadt with complicity in the massacre of nearly 34,000 Jews at Babi Yar, near Kiev, in September 1941.

According to the indictment the ten men took part in 21 mass executions of more than 80,000 Jews and Russians in the area between June, 1941 and the spring of 1942.

About 120 witnesses have been asked to give evidence in the trial which is expected to open later this year.

The men are: Kuno Kallsen, 55; August Haefner, 55; Kurt Hans, 55; Adolf Jansen 51; Alexander Riesel 58; Victor Boithon 57; Georg Pearr-Kircher 64; Heinrich Huhn 63; Ernst Consel 61; and Victor Trill 61.

In Bremen Philipp Mensinger 45, a former S.S. guard, was sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering eight Jews, including a 13-year-old boy, at forced labor camps at Drohobycx and Boryslav in Polish Galicia in 1943. According to the indictment he was dubbed the "Beast of Galicia" because of the atrocities he committed against the Jews.

Otto Bovensiepen, a former S.S. colonel and Berlin Gestapo chief, was arrested in the Ruhr town of Muelheim at the weekend, the West Berlin prosecutor's office has announced.

He is suspected of responsibility for the deportation of about 50,000 Berlin Jews to concentration camps between 1941 and 1944.

Later Bovensiepen was appointed Gestapo chief in Denmark. He was convicted of war crimes by a Danish court after the war and sentenced to death, but this was commutted in 1953 and he was released.

Ties With Franco Spain

Haifa (JCNS) - Israel was hopeful that the changing attitude in influential public and press circles in Spain will help to normalize relations between the two countries, Mr. Aryeh Eshel, the deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, said in Haifa.

He added that he was optimistic in spite of statements by the Spanish Minister of Information in Beirut that Spain would never establish links with Israel.

Spain remains the only European country refusing ties with Israel and she has consistently voted against the Jewish State at the United Nations.

Mr. Eshel rejected as baseless the argument that Israel voted against Spain's U.N. membership in 1955. He recalled that the applications of Spain and a number of other countries, including two Arab States, came up for approval together and that the Israeli delegate had abstained.

Israel's representative had pointed out that he had no objection to Spanish membership and that he would have supported her application in a spearate vote.

Czech Homage

Prague, (JCNS) - Dr. Richard Feder, the 91-year-old Chief Rabbi of Czechoslovakia, last week lit six candles in memory of the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust in a ceremony in the Jewish town hall in Prague.

This annual ceremony also marks the execution in March, 1944, of about 4,000 Czech and Moravian Jews in Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

Dr. Feder, who is a survivor of Theresienstadt concentration camp, later said kaddish in the Pinkas Synagogue. The Rev. Alexander Singer, the reader, recited the El Mole Rachamin.

Dr. Feder also paid tribute to Dr. Muneles, 73, a Jewish scholar, and a founder of the Jewish Museum in Prague, who died this month.

Earlier, Dr. Rudolf Ictis spoke in a youth programme on Czechoslovak Television, commemorating the murder by the Nazis of 15,000 children from Bohemia and Moravia.

Lenka Hartlova, eleven, sang songs based on poems written by Jewish children in Theresienstadt concentration camp. The music was composed by Milan Salich, of Prague.

ROTHSCHILD MADE IT NOW

London (JCNS) - Major Edmund de Rothschild, 51, is to succeed the Hon. Peter M. Samuel as president of the Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women next year, it was announced by Mr. Phillip Mishon, national chairman of Ajex. For Major de Rothschild it will be a return to office, as he was president from 1960 to 1963.

No. 715873

London (JCNS) - Von Thadden has repeatedly denied that he ever belonged to the Nazi Party. However, it is reported here by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, which operates in association with the World Jewish Congress, that its researches have revealed that von Thadden joined the Nazi Party on September 1, 1939. He was given party card number 715873.

Since he was born in July, 1921, and the party did not accept members under the age of 18, von Thadden must have applied for membership at the first available opportunity after his 18th birthday.

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Co-sponsoring the new project are the Histadrut Foundation for Educational Travel, veterans of many years of Israel summer camp and tour experience, and Habonim Labor Zionist Youth which operates a network of nine summer camps in North America in addition to the new one in Israel.

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The staff of Israel Kibbutz Camp is made up of experienced youth leaders, most of them Americans with a number of years of Habonim summer camping experience, who have settled in Israel or are studying at the Hebrew University, Program Director is Aaron Shoirif, a member of Kibbutz Gesher Haziv, formerly of Washington and New York, with many years of summer camp directing experience in America.

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ADULT STUDY

Adath Israel Adult Study took place Thursday evening, March 23rd. Mrs. Fred Stulberg discussed: The Ethics of the Individual.

LUNCHEON

A luncheon of the National Women's League, Ontario Branch, was held at Beth Tzedec last Wednesday, on behalf of the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall and Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Mrs. Henriette Klein, wife of Rabbi Isaac Klein of Temple Emanuel of Buffalo, was keynote speaker.

Cantor Bela Herskovits of Beth Sholom was guest artist; he was accompanied by Mrs. Sara Barkin Sandler. Chairman of the luncheon was Mrs. Morris Lipson.

Members of the seventeen Conservative Sisterhoods attended.

BUNNY BALL

Upper Canada Chapter, B'nai B'rith Young Adults, will tender a Bunny Ball tomorrow evening, April 1st.

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

The following is the proposed slate of nominations for 1967-68 of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood: Mrs. A.M. Winton, president; Mrs. Louis Herman, 1st vice president; Mrs. J.M. Weinberg, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Arthur Paulin, 3rd vice president; Mrs. J.J. Kirzner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Silverman, social secretary; Mrs. A. Oberndorffer, membership secretary; Mrs. A.A. Track, treasurer; Mrs. Carl C.

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The Young and the Old Together - As part of their community activities members of the Upper Canada Chapter of AZA (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) under the leadership of Sonee Cohen, their advisor, entertained the residents of Toronto's Jewish Home for the Aged on the occasion of Purim. The young people produced a variety show which was well received by the large audience.

Members of all chapters of AZA, BBG and BBYA are preparing now for the Telethons to be conducted on behalf of the U.J.A.

The Midrash And Woman

Feminine Beauty In Our Old Books

by Shifra Strizover

Concerning beauty there can be no argument - a glance at the various canons of beauty in different ages and among different groups shows the impossibility of assuming the existence of an absolute standard.

Nevertheless, within any given group many people like the same thing in beauty just as they do in morals. The ancient Egyptians, for example, shaved their heads and wore wigs; the Cretans cultivated wasp waists for men and women; the Chinese women bound their feet; the Andaman Islanders decorated their bodies with elaborate painted designs; some African tribes filed their teeth to points.

It would seem that no people, however harassed, is without some love of beauty - and the Jews are no exception. Indeed, it seems that the rabbis conceived of beauty under the category of purity; they had a passionate love of beauty (Chief Rabbi Hertz, "The Pentateuch and Haftorahs", pp. 35, 376). Accordingly, beauty is the subject of a not inconsiderable number of Midrashim.

Mentioned as ideals of beauty are: Adam, Jacob, Joseph, Saul, Absalom, Rab. Ishmael and Rab. Abbahu; the women are: Eve, Sarah, Rahab, Abigail, Esther, Abishag, Michal and Jael.

Adam was the ideal man. He was so handsome that the very sole of his foot obscured the splendour of the sun. His spiritual qualities kept pace with his personal charm, for God has fashioned his soul with particular care.

Among later generations of men, there were but few who in a measure resembled Adam in his physical perfections. Samson possessed his strength; Saul his neck; Absalom his hair; Asahel his fleetness of foot; Uzziah his forehead; Josiah his nostrils; Zedekiah his eyes and Zerubbabel his voice.

However, these physical excellencies were no blessings to most of their possessors - in fact, they invited the ruin of almost all. Samson's extraordinary strength caused his death; Saul killed himself by cutting his neck with his own sword; while speeding swiftly, Asahel was pierced by Abner's spear; Absalom was caught by his hair in an oak, and thus suspended met his death; Uzziah was smitten with leprosy upon his forehead; the darts that killed Josiah entered through his nostrils and Zedekiah's eyes were blinded.

The fairest women compared with Eve are as apes compared with a human being. However, Eve was but as an ape compared with Adam.

Among later generations of women there were four of extraordinary beauty. Sarah, Rachel and Abigail are three of the undisputed beauties. As for the fourth, Esther, Vashti, Jael and Michal are competitors.

Beauty, wisdom and prophetical gifts were joined in Abigail. She was so bewitching that passion was aroused in men by the mere thought of her. But not even Abigail was free from the feminine weakness of coquetry - while still married to Nabal she directed the attention of David to herself.

Jael was unusually beautiful and her voice was the most seductive ever a woman possessed. When Sisera, on stepping into her tent, saw the bed strewn with roses which Jael had prepared for him, he resolved to take her home to his mother, as his wife, as soon as his safety should be assured.

Rebecca, too, was beautiful - but then she was the counterpart of Sarah in person and spirit. As for Leah, she was lovely in countenance and stature. She had but one defect - her eyelashes dropped from their lids.

However, the Queen of Sheba had a defect. Once when conducted to Solomon, she was deceived by an illusion. She thought he was sitting in water, and as she stepped across to him she raised her garment to keep it dry. On her bared feet the king noticed hair, and he said to her, "Thy beauty is the beauty of a woman, but thy hair is masculine; hair is an ornament to a man, but it disfigures a woman".

As for Esther, she was not a beauty in the real sense of the word. She was exactly of average height, neither tall nor short, and her complexion was somewhat sallow.

Nevertheless, the beholder was bewitched by her grace and charm. But though her enchanting grace was not the grace of youth - she was old when she came to court - Esther captivated the hearts of all who saw her, from king to eunuch.

In vain, fathers had spent time and money bringing their daughters to court, in the hope that one or the other would appeal to the king's fancy. None pleased Ahasuerus - until he set eyes on Esther. Vashti's picture, which had hung in his chamber all these years - for Ahasuerus had not forgotten his rejected queen - was replaced by her's.

Ahasuerus put Esther between two groups of beauties - Median beauties to the right of her and Persian beauties to the left of her. Yet Esther's comeliness outshone them all. Not even Joseph could vie with Esther in grace. Grace was suspended above him - but she was fairly laden down with it. Whoever saw her pronounced her the ideal beauty of his nation. The general exclamation was: "This one is worthy of being queen".

But, then, Esther paid particular attention to what she ate. Dishes from the royal table she refused obstinately to touch. Only such things passed her lips as were permitted to Jews. She lived entirely on vegetable food, as Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah had done at the court of Nebuchadnezzar.

The forbidden tidbits she passed over to the non-Jewish servants. Her personal attendants were seven Jewish maidens as consistently pious as herself, whose devotion to the ritual law Esther could depend upon.

Biblical Joseph went even further than Esther; he fasted, giving the poor and the sick the food apportioned to him. Yet his master thought he lived a luxurious life - for those who fast for the glory of God are made beautiful of countenance.

Mrs. Strizower is lecturer in Social Authropology at the Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

WHEN B.G. WAS HERE

BY RUTHIE

Avahda (of course) there's only one B.G. — Ben Gurion — and I saw him when he was here the other day. Can you imagine? I—saw—him!

Was I ever thrilled when I found out I was among the big givers for Israel and entitled to be at a dinner — in the same room with him! I could hardly wait.

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Weeks before I couldn't sleep from excitement. All I could think of was, what'll I wear?

I know the Ben Gurions aren't formal at all when they're home. It's been said that he's attended affairs minus a tie. And she never wears a dinner gown.

But that's in Israel. Would they conform to our customs here or what? Even the invitation with the "dress optional" was no help. Because you know us. Nothing but the fanciest.

Nu, if in doubt remember the basic principle in good taste — underdo rather than overdo. So I underdid. Naturally I didn't **zholleva** (wasn't stingy with) the diamonds. But out came the old reliable, the little black number. To play it safe and make me look more festive, I wore silver stockings that just blended.

After all, I figured, there's no dancing. Who'd look below the waist? Once I checked my fur I'd be one of a crowd.

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For once my intuition paid off. Imagine! Out of about two thousand, maybe three women wore gowns. And half the dresses were black. Was I ever glad!

Some of the girls looked gorgeous. Silver slippers, green slippers, cocktail dresses to match. One woman wore a lovely green satin skirt, very short, and a matching sequinned blouse. But the material was so **farknaitched** (wrinkled) when she stood to make the "toast".

You should see another girl at my table. She was very attractive but I couldn't tear my eyes away from the diamond studded wrist watch she wore. Was that a knockout!

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I had the biggest gulp in my throat when the B.G.s marched in. It was like being a part of important history. And he looked at me!

Go on, laugh. Say what you want. Sure, he looked from right to left at everybody. And of course he really didn't see just me. But he looked. And my children and children's children will tell their children.

He wore a neat suit and a tie — his concession to our way of life. But I was a little disappointed. It wasn't creased at all.

And Paula paraded in so proud — you blame her? — wearing a short dress and over it a gorgeous light mink jacket.

The jacket she didn't remove all evening. Who knows, maybe it was chilly sitting on the dais. And if she wasn't cold, I can't say I wouldn't do the same in her place.

After all, how often can she wear a mink? In torrid temperature in the Negev? Don't forget, she's a woman. Let her take advantage too.

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But the affair was **tahka** (honestly) so nice.

When everybody sang the Hatikvah, it grabbed you right near the heart.

And the meal. One good thing, they didn't serve soup. Who needed it anyway? And the rice-filled squabs were so tender. I held myself back — only one roll.

Our table companions were friendly too. One lady told me all about a luncheon she attended that same afternoon. All the girls wore hats, which meant having hairdos done over again.

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We really had a good time.

What did B.G. say? Now how should I remember? Being in the same room, I wasn't able to concentrate. Anyhow a full report was in the next day's papers.

All I know is, it was a night to remember.

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Guest speaker will be Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut. The school choir will perform.

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Seen above left to right are: Monte Kwinter, Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet and Incoming President of the B'nai B'rith Co-Ordinating Committee; Eric Exton, Past Chairman of the Co-Ordinating Committee; Maxwell S. Lewis, Q.C. Past President of B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge District No. 1; E. James Cooper, President of the Co-Ordinating Committee; Harry Frank, Chairman of the U.J.A. Cabinet; Dr. Alexander Lipson, Past President of B'nai B'rith Grand Lodge District No. 1; and Harry Pachter, Israel Commissioner, District No. 22.

Businessmen organize - Photographed at the Men's Apparel Division Dinner which took place recently at Toronto's Inn On The Park are from left to right: Max Aiken, Mort Spiar and Mark Hillman.

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Cole, comptroller; Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. M. Glicksman, dues treasurers. Board of Directors, second year -- Mesdames L. Biderman, E. Brill, H. Colman, L. Dunkelman, B. Garfield, M. Lawrence, S. Ruth, F. Stern, first year -- Mesdames Gurston Allen, Jack Fedder, Manning Swartz, H. Waisberg.

ART AND MUSIC

Beth El Sisterhood of Don Mills will present an evening of Art and Music on Saturday, April 8th. Proceeds will be donated to the Beth El Religious School. Featured will be: Sara Silver (ink drawings); Paraskeva Clark (oils); Hanni Rothschild (sculpture); Esther Ghan, soprano. Mayor James Service of North York will open the exhibit.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Pioneer Women's Organization held a farewell reception last Thursday for member Birdie Spivak, who, with her husband, will settle in Israel. The organization presented a $1200 scholarship in her name which will go towards the establishment of the new Community Center in Israel in the town of Migdal Ha'Emek.

A farewell dramatization, Bye-Bye Birdie, was presented by the dramatic group.

MAJOR PROJECT

For its first major project Pioneer Women of Canada has undertaken to build a community center in Migdal Ha'Emek, Israel, at a cost of $100,000. The center will provide vocational classes for youths and mothers and a cultural, educational and social center for adults which will serve to integrate and unify the new settlers.

While attending a Leadership Seminar in Israel recently, three members, Cissie Eppel, Bess Kirenfeld and Eva Natch, were taken on a tour of the center by Mayor Zvi Alderoty.

The mayor and his wife are graduates of one of Pioneer Women's agricultural high schools.

TEA

Coming Sunday, April 2nd, the Women's Auxiliary of Ner Israel Yeshiva College will sponsor its annual tea at the home of Mrs. Paul Reichman.

Tea conveners are Mesdames Joseph Reichman and Percy Kopstick. Patroness conveners are Mesdames Harry Botnick and Bill Goodman.

LECTURE

The Sisterhood of Torath Emeth Jewish Center held a lecture Wednesday morning in the Board Room of the synagogue.

PRE-PASSOVER MEET

Sisterhood of Torath Emeth Jewish Center will conduct its pre-Passover meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Marcus, Tuesday evening, April 11th. Rabbi M. Ochs, spiritual leader of Torath Emeth, will discuss pertinent issues to the holiday.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

JAMAICAN RUB-UP CAKE

2 1/2 cups flour
4 tsps baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 lb butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 1/2 tsps vanilla
1 cup milk

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Sift flour, then resift it with baking powder and salt. With finger tips or a pastry blender, work butter into flour.

Add sugar, eggs, vanilla and milk all at once and stir to mix with a wooden spoon. There will be some lumps. Pour batter into a greased, wax-paper-lined, deep cake pan with a capacity of two or two-and-a-half quarts.

Bake 45 minutes to one hour or until done when tested with a cake tester. The cake should have a moist, open, muffinlike texture.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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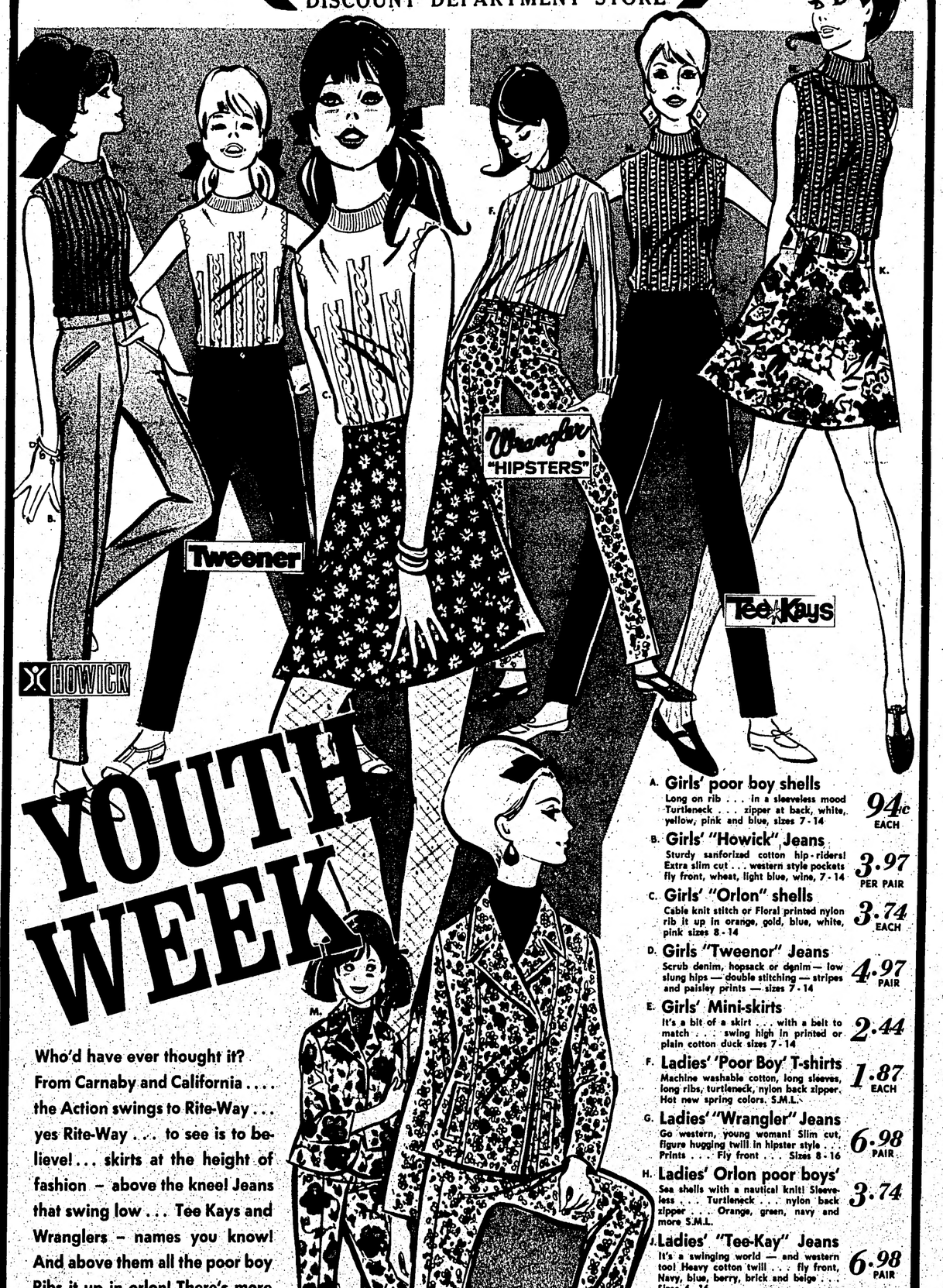

YOUTH WEEK

Who'd have ever thought it? From Carnaby and California .... the Action swings to Rite-Way ... yes Rite-Way ... to see is to believe! ... skirts at the height of fashion – above the knee! Jeans that swing low ... Tee Kays and Wranglers – names you know! And above them all the poor boy Ribs it up in orlon! There's more ... like the Rolling Stones, Rite-Way gathers the feeling of youth ... your youth.

Once you see our selection ... the only thing you won't believe are the low prices.

A. **Girls' poor boy shells** — Long on rib ... in a sleeveless mood Turtleneck ... zipper at back, white, yellow, pink and blue, sizes 7 - 14 — 94¢ EACH

B. **Girls' "Howick" Jeans** — Sturdy sanforized cotton hip-riders! Extra slim cut ... western style pockets fly front, wheat, light blue, wine, 7 - 14 — 3.97 PER PAIR

C. **Girls' "Orlon" shells** — Cable knit stitch or Floral printed nylon rib it up in orange, gold, blue, white, pink sizes 8 - 14 — 3.74 EACH

D. **Girls "Tweenor" Jeans** — Scrub denim, hopsack or denim — low slung hips — double stitching — stripes and paisley prints — sizes 7 - 14 — 4.97 PAIR

E. **Girls' Mini-skirts** — It's a bit of a skirt ... with a belt to match ... swing high in printed or plain cotton duck sizes 7 - 14 — 2.44

F. **Ladies' 'Poor Boy' T-shirts** — Machine washable cotton, long sleeves, long ribs, turtleneck, nylon back zipper. Hot new spring colors. S.M.L. — 1.87 EACH

G. **Ladies' "Wrangler" Jeans** — Go western, young woman! Slim cut, figure hugging twill in hipster style ... Prints ... Fly front ... Sizes 8 - 16 — 6.98 PAIR

H. **Ladies' Orlon poor boys'** — Sea shells with a nautical knit! Sleeveless ... Turtleneck ... nylon back zipper ... Orange, green, navy and more S.M.L. — 3.74

J. **Ladies' "Tee-Kay" Jeans** — It's a swinging world — and western too! Heavy cotton twill ... fly front, Navy, blue, berry, brick and beige ... Sizes 6 - 16 — 6.98 PAIR

K. **Ladies' Print 'Mini-Skirts'** — It's the height of fashion ... Over the knees and faraway ... Machine washable cotton ... Self belt. Sizes 8 - 14 — 4.67

L. **Ladies' Hopsack pant-suits** — The linen look! Store — pipe pants with single or double breasted jacket ... Superb tailoring. Prints galore ... sizes 10 - 18 — 8.44 EACH

M. **Girls' Pastel "Pant-Suits"** — The prints are in! Double breasted jacket tops the stove-pipe pants. There's also solid colours in a "Poor Boy" rib effect! Cotton duck in lime, navy, orange ... Sizes 7 - 14 — 5.63

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